

REMARKS

The Examiner now states in paragraph 2), that "Claim 22 was examined and has been found allowable. Hence it is objected to as depending on a rejected claim".

Since no previous opportunity was given before Final to address this issue, it is assumed that the enclosed amendment to re-write claim 1 in independent form, including all of the limitations of claim 22, will be entered.

In paragraph 9) the Examiner now states that..."claims 4 and 6 should not have been rejected, as they are substantially the same as claim 22". Accordingly, it is assumed that these claims are also allowable.

It is further assumed that since claims 5, 7-10 and 20 are dependent from claim 1 either directly or indirectly, they are also allowable.

We also respectfully submit that the enclosed amendment to cancel claims 11-15, 17-19 and 21 without prejudice to the filing of a Continuing application directed thereto, (and claim 22 as redundant) will be entered, since it removes all of the outstanding issues, and leaves only claims indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

Finally, since the above noted claim amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance, no rebuttal regarding the Examiner's comments in paragraphs 3) to 8) are believed to be necessary or are offered at this time, in order to be fully responsive.